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DIVERSION PROGRAM ROLE DELINEATION DIVERSION EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Each Diversion Evaluation Committee (DEC) is comprised of three registered nurses, a physician and a public member each of who have demonstrated expertise in the field of chemical dependency and/or mental illness. Members are appointed by the Board. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board for terms not to exceed four years.

The following responsibilities of the DEC's are based on Business and Professions Code Section 2770 et seq.:

- To evaluate those registered nurses who request participation in the program according to the guidelines prescribed by the Board and to consider the recommendation of its Contractor's licensed physician or registered nurse consultant in admission of the registered nurse to the Diversion program.
- To determine whether applicants are eligible for the program.
- To consider whether nurses participating in the program may continue or resume the practice of nursing.
- To set forth in writing for each registered nurse participating in the program a recovery program established for that registered nurse with requirements for supervision and surveillance.
- To inform each registered nurse who requests participation in a program of the procedures followed in the program, of the rights and responsibilities of the registered nurse in the program, and of the possible results of noncompliance with the program.
- To receive and review information concerning a registered nurse participating in the program.
- To prepare reports to be submitted to the Board.
- To review Contractor's reports and designate those treatment facilities and services to which registered nurses in a diversion program may be referred.
- To determine when a registered nurse shall be terminated for noncompliance or when a nurse has successfully completed the program.
- To return to the Board's Contractor all records pertaining to rehabilitation of a registered nurse once the nurse is terminated from the program for any reason.